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GENEVA FOR CCD DEL

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1. SOVIET INDICATION OF THEIR INTENTION TO PROPOSE
ESTABLISHMENT OF CCD EXPERTS GROUP ON NEW TYPES OF MASS
DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW) STRIKES US, ON ONE HAND, AS
UNHELPLEFUL MECHANISM DESIGNED TO CREATE OR, DEPENDING ON
VIEWPOINT, TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM TOWARD GENERAL TREATY
BANNING NEW TYPES OF MDW. ON OTHER HAND, SOVIET

PROPOSAL COULD ALSO BE VIEWED AS DEFENSIVE MOVE INTENDED
TO AVOID PREDICTABLE WITHERING IN CCD

OF SOVIET (I.E. GENERAL) APPROACH TO DEALING WITH NEW
TYPES OF MDW IN FAVOR OF AD HOC, CASE-BY-CASE APPROACH
REFLECTED IN UK-INITIATED MDW RESOLUTION AT 32ND UNGA.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE EVIDENTLY ENVISAGED BY SOVIETS FOR
EXPERTS GROUP WOULD BE SKEWED TOWARD GENERAL MDW TREATY.
HOWEVER, EVEN IF TERMS OF REFERENCE COULD BE WORKED OUT
CONSISTENT BOTH WITH PUBLIC US POSITION THAT NEW TYPES
OF MDW SHOULD NOT BE INTRODUCED AND WITH AD HOC APPROACH
TO PROBLEM ADVOCATED BY UK RES AT UNGA, WE BELIEVE THAT
FEW IF ANY MEMBER STATES WOULD PRESENTLY HAVE MUCH TO
CONTRIBUTE. ACCORDINGLY, WE DO NOT SEE MERIT IN
ESTABLISHMENT OF CCD EXPERTS GROUP ON NEW TYPES OF MDW
AT THIS TIME.

3. INASMUCH AS SOVIETS ARE EVIDENTLY DETERMINED TO
LAUNCH EXPERTS GROUP BALLOON IN CCD, REGARDLESS OF US
REACTION, US DEL SHOULD INITIALLY AVOID APPEARANCE OF
SHARP HOSTILITY TO IDEA. RATHER YOU SHOULD INDICATE
TO SOVIETS SCEPTICISM RE ADVANTAGES OF EXPERTS GROUP
ON NEW TYPES OF MDW, AS OPPOSED TO CONTINUING RECENT
PRACTICE OF HOLDING CCD INFORMALS ON THIS SUBJECT,
SOMETIMES WITH EXPERTS. US COULD NOT, IN ANY EVENT,
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AGREE TO TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR EXPERTS GROUP WHICH
AMOUNTED TO A PRIORI ACCEPTANCE OF THE UTILITY OF GENERAL
MDW BAN.

4. SHOULD SOVIET DEL SHOW INCLINATION TO PROVIDE MORE
INFORMATION ON THEIR EXPERTS GROUP PROPOSAL, IT WOULD
BE USEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER THEIR WORKING LIST OF NEW
MDW REMAINS AS CONTAINED IN THEIR 1977 REVISED DRAFT
TREATY (I.E. RW, CHARGED OR NEUTRAL PARTICLE, INFRASONIC,
AND ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION WEAPONS) AND WHETHER THEY
MAY INTEND TO INCLUDE "NEUTRON WEAPON." VANCE

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